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In Re U.S. Continuation Patent Application of:)
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And British Application No. 9703441. (Filed 19 February 1997))
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For: "Progressive Block-Based Coding For Image Compression")
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of this Application, please make the following amendments.

<u>In the Specification:</u>

On Page 1, after the title, please insert the sentence: --This Application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB98/00360, filed February 5, 1998, now pending (which is hereby incorporated by reference).--

On Page 1, after the above added new sentence, please add the heading --**DESCRIPTION**--.

On Page 1, after the above new sentence is added, please add the heading -- **Technical Field** --.

On Page 1, after line 6, please add the heading -- **Background of the Invention** --.

On Page 1, after line 21, please add the heading -- **Summary of the Invention** --.

On Page 5, after line 1, please add the heading -- **Brief Description of the Drawings** –

On Page 5, after line 10, please add the heading -- **Detailed Description of the Preferred** Embodiments--

On Page 10, line 3, delete "applicants have realised" and insert -- applicant has realized --.

On Page 11, line 26, delete "synchonisation" and insert -- synchronization --.

~~Embodiments~~ --

<u>In the Claims:</u>

At the top of Page 14, just prior to Claim 1, delete the term "<u>Claims</u>" and insert a new paragraph of one sentence -- The invention claimed is: --.

1.   A method of image compression comprising <u>the steps of</u>: